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I. Introduction

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the sixty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly its annual report on its 2012 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

II. Organization of the work of the Conference

A. 2012 session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 23 January to 30 March, 14 May to 29 June and 30 July to 14 September 2012. During this period, the Conference held 30 formal plenary meetings, at which member States as well as non-member States invited to participate in the discussions outlined their views and recommendations on the various issues before the Conference.

3. The Conference also held two informal plenary meetings on its agenda items, programme of work, organization and procedures, as well as on other matters.

4. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the following member States assumed successively the Presidency of the Conference: Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France and Germany.

5. At the first plenary meeting of the 2012 session on 24 January, the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, delivered a message on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in which he, inter alia, reflected on the accomplishments of the Conference as the world's single multilateral negotiating forum and spoke about its present and future. At the same time, he expressed his concern that the Conference was no longer living up to the world's expectations of its advancement of disarmament goals. He reminded members of their responsibility to make the Conference work by supporting the immediate commencement of negotiations on agreed disarmament issues through the adoption by consensus of a programme of work in order to strengthen the rule of law in the field of disarmament (CD/PV.1243).

6. Upon the joint invitation of the first President of the Conference, Luis Gallegos (Ecuador), and the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, the following dignitaries addressed the Conference on Disarmament: Rose Gottemoeller, Assistant Secretary of State of the United States of America (CD/PV.1243); Dipu Moni, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh (CD/PV.1248); Yerzhan Kazykhanov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan (CD/PV.1249); Nasser Juddeh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jordan (CD/PV.1249); Ali Akbar Salehi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran (CD/PV.1249); Anifah Aman, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia (CD/PV.1249); Enrique Castillo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica (CD/PV.1249); Ryuji Yamane, Parliamentary Senior Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan (CD/PV.1249); Kim Bong-hyun, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea (CD/PV.1249); R. M. Marty M. Natalegawa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia (CD/PV.1249); Urmas Praet,

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia (CD/PV.1250); Prak Sokhonn, Minister attached to the Prime Minister of Cambodia and President of the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (CD/PV.1250); Gombojav Zandanshatar, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Mongolia (CD/PV.1256); and Erkki Tuomioja, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland (CD/PV.1263). The President of the United Nations General Assembly, Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, and the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs also addressed the Conference (CD/PV.1257 and CD/PV.1272).

7. In their addresses, these dignitaries variously expressed support for the Conference, expressed concern about its current situation, called upon the Conference to do its part to advance the international agenda by overcoming its ongoing deadlock, and set out their national priorities for the work of the Conference.

8. The substantive secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament was composed of: Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Jarmo Sareva, Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Director of the Geneva Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs; and Valère Mantels, Senior Political Affairs Officer and Secretary of the Conference on Disarmament (until 14 August 2012).

B. Participants in the work of the Conference

9. The representatives of the following 65 member States participated in the work of the Conference: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

C. Attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference

10. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from 39 States not members of the Conference. Accordingly, the Conference invited the following non-member States to participate in its work: Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Holy See, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Libya, Lithuania, Montenegro, Nepal,

Oman, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Sudan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the United Arab Emirates and Uruguay.

11. The following documents dealing with the issue of attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1930, dated 26 January 2012, entitled "Letter dated 24 January 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the requests for participation in the work of the conference during 2012 from non-member States";

(b) CD/1932, dated 14 February 2012, entitled "Letter dated 13 February 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the position of Cyprus on the issue raised in document CD/1930 dated 26 January 2012".

D. Agenda and programme of work for the 2012 session

12. At its 1243rd plenary meeting on 24 January 2012, following a debate in which the content of the draft agenda presented by the President of the Conference, Luis Gallegos (Ecuador), was reviewed in accordance with rule 29 of the rules of procedure, the Conference on Disarmament adopted its agenda for the 2012 session (CD/PV.1243). The agenda (CD/1928) reads as follows:

> "Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and deciding to resume its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 2012 session:
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> 1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
> 2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
> 3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
> 4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
> 5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
> 6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
> 7. Transparency in armaments.
> 8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations."

13. Subsequently, the President of the Conference made the following statement: "In connection with the adoption of the agenda I, as the President of the Conference, should like to state that it is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda. The

Conference will also take into consideration paragraphs 27 and 30 of the rules of procedure of the Conference."

14. Pursuant to paragraph 51 of the 2011 report of the Conference (CD/1926), the last President of the 2011 session (Cuba) and the first President of the 2012 session (Ecuador) conducted informal consultations during the intersessional period with a view to commencing early substantive work during the 2012 session of the Conference. These consultations were conducted in cooperation with the five incoming Presidents of the 2012 session (Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France and Germany).

15. On 30 January 2012, the President of the Conference, Luis Gallegos (Ecuador), circulated a working paper containing ideas on the state of the Conference (CD/1929), which was discussed at the plenaries of 31 January and 7 February, with a view to finding common ground enabling the Conference to move forward (CD/PV.1244 and CD/PV.1245).

16. Following a discussion at the 1253rd plenary meeting on 13 March 2012 (CD/PV.1253), at the 1254th plenary meeting on 15 March 2012, the President of the Conference, Hisham Badr (Egypt), submitted, for adoption, the revised draft decision on a programme of work for the 2012 session as contained in CD/1933/Rev.1 (CD/PV.1254).

17. Throughout the 2012 session successive Presidents of the Conference conducted intensive consultations with a view to reaching consensus on a programme of work on the basis of relevant proposals. During plenary meetings, delegations expressed their views on the issue of a programme of work, accounting for relevant proposals and suggestions, which are duly reflected in the plenary records. However, despite these efforts, the Conference did not succeed in reaching consensus on a programme of work in 2012.

18. At the 1258th plenary meeting on 22 May 2012, the President of the Conference, Minelik Alemu Getahun (Ethiopia), presented a schedule of activities (CD/WP.571/Rev.1) developed in cooperation with the other five Presidents of the 2012 session, which foresaw discussions on all agenda items. In addition, the schedule of activities provided an opportunity for discussion on the revitalization of the Conference on Disarmament. This schedule was followed by the Conference for the remainder of the 2012 session.

19. The following document was submitted to the Conference:

CD/1931, dated 26 January 2012, entitled "Letter dated 26 January 2012 from the Permanent Mission of Pakistan addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the press release issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan regarding the work of the Conference".

E. Expansion of the membership of the Conference

20. The question of the expansion of the membership of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records. Suggestions were made for the appointment of a special rapporteur on enlargement (CD/PV.1262).

21. Since 1982, requests for membership have been received from the following 27 non-members, in chronological order: Greece, Croatia, Kuwait, Portugal, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Ghana, Luxembourg, Uruguay, Philippines, Azerbaijan, Libya, Armenia, Thailand, Georgia, Jordan, Estonia, Latvia, Malta, Serbia, Republic of Moldova and Qatar.

F. Review of the agenda of the Conference

22. The review of the agenda of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

G. Improved and effective functioning of the Conference

23. The improved and effective functioning of the Conference was addressed by delegations throughout the session, in particular in the plenary meetings devoted to the "revitalization of the CD", which took place on 14 June and 21 August 2012, in accordance with the schedule of activities contained in document CD/WP.571/Rev.1. Delegations discussed the current situation and provided suggestions on possible ways to strengthen the Conference. Their various views and concerns on the ongoing situation of impasse for over a decade, due to lack of consensus, are duly reflected in the plenary records of the Conference (in particular CD/PV.1262, CD/PV.1268 and CD/PV.1269).

24. At the 1246th plenary meeting on 14 February 2012 and at the 1268th plenary meeting on 21 August, the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, while calling for renewed political will to agree on a programme of work and to begin substantive negotiations as soon as possible, outlined some concrete steps for consideration of member States aimed at improving the functioning of the Conference on Disarmament (CD/PV.1246 and CD/PV.1268).

25. The following document was submitted to the Conference on this subject:

CD/1939, dated 28 August 2012, entitled "Syrian Arab Republic on behalf of member States of G-21. Working paper. Work of the Conference on Disarmament".

H. Communications from non-governmental organizations

26. In accordance with rule 42 of the rules of procedure, a list of communications from non-governmental organizations or their representatives was circulated to the Conference (CD/NGC/46).

27. In line with the decision taken at the 1172nd plenary meeting (CD/PV.1172) to mark International Women's Day, a statement of the NGO Working Group on Peace of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women related to peace, security and disarmament issues was read by Beatrice Fihn on behalf of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom at the 1252nd plenary meeting, on 8 March 2012 (CD/PV.1252). Members welcomed the enhanced engagement between civil society and the Conference according to decisions taken by the Conference.

III. Substantive work of the Conference during its 2012 session

28. In accordance with the schedule of activities contained in document CD/WP.571/Rev.1, the Conference held a series of plenary meetings to discuss all substantive agenda items. During such discussions as well as during the general debate of the Conference, delegations affirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda items. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session. At the request of the Presidents of the Conference, Kari Kahiluoto (Finland), and Jean-Hugues Simon-Michel (France), the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research prepared information notes on issues discussed in accordance with the schedule of activities, which were used by both Presidents in their introductory statements.

29. The following document was submitted to the Conference:

CD/1929, dated 30 January 2012, entitled "The Presidency. Working paper. Ideas for consideration", submitted by the President of the Conference, Ambassador Luis Gallegos of Ecuador.

30. The list of documents issued by the Conference, as well as the texts of those documents, is included as appendix I to this report. An index of the verbatim records, by country and by subject, listing the statements made by delegations during 2012 and the verbatim records of the formal plenary meetings of the Conference, is attached as appendix II to the report.

31. The Conference had before it a letter dated 24 January 2012 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations (CD/1927) transmitting the resolutions and decisions on disarmament and international security matters adopted by the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session in 2011, including those making specific reference to the Conference on Disarmament. The latter are listed below:

66/21 Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament (operative paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5)

66/26 Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (operative paragraphs 2, 4 and 5)

66/27 Prevention of an arms race in outer space (operative paragraphs 5, 6 and 8)

66/36 Regional disarmament (operative paragraph 1)

66/37 Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels (operative paragraph 2)

66/39 Transparency in armaments (operative paragraphs 5 and 7)

66/40 Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments (operative paragraph 11)

66/44 Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices (operative paragraphs 1, 2 and 3)

66/51 Nuclear disarmament (operative paragraphs 16, 17, 20 and 21)

66/52 Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes (operative paragraphs 1, 5 and 6)

66/57 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons (operative paragraphs 1 and 2)

66/59 Report of the Conference on Disarmament (operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8)

66/60 Report of the Disarmament Commission (operative paragraph 9)

66/66 Revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations (operative paragraphs 1, 5 and 6)

A. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament

32. During the general debate of the Conference as well as during the discussions in accordance with the schedule of activities contained in CD/WP.571/Rev.1, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

33. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/1934, dated 1 June 2012, entitled "Note verbale dated 30 May 2012 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the final statement of the Meeting of Cuban Civil Society Organizations on Peace and Nuclear Disarmament, adopted on 24 May 2012 in Havana";

(b) CD/1935, dated 26 June 2012, entitled "Letter dated 25 June 2012 from the Permanent Representatives of Germany and the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the report of the meeting of scientific experts on technical issues related to a fissile material cut-off treaty (FMCT), held in Geneva on 29 and 30 May 2012";

(c) CD/1936, dated 30 July 2012, entitled "Letter dated 20 July 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting a copy of the joint statement issued at the third meeting of the five permanent members of the Security Council of the United Nations on implementing the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, held in Washington D.C. on 27 June 2012";

(d) CD/1937, dated 24 August 2012, entitled "Letter dated 22 August 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the Istanbul statement adopted at the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (NPDI) Ministerial Meeting held in Istanbul on 16 June 2012";

(e) CD/1938, dated 28 August 2012, entitled "Syrian Arab Republic on behalf of member States of G-21. Working paper. Nuclear Disarmament";

(f) CD/1942, dated 7 September 2012, entitled "Note verbale dated 5 September 2012 from the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the declaration and of the joint statement of the Heads of the member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization adopted at the Summit in Moscow on 15 May 2012";

(g) CD/1943, dated 13 September 2012, entitled "Letter dated 11 September 2012 from the Permanent Representatives of the Netherlands and Germany to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the report of the second meeting of scientific experts on technical issues related to a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices based on resolution 66/44 of the General Assembly of the United Nations, held in Geneva on 28 and 29 August 2012".

34. In accordance with the schedule of activities contained in document CD/WP.571/Rev.1, two plenary meetings, on agenda item 1, entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", and agenda item 2 entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters", with a general focus on nuclear disarmament, were held on 22 May and 19 June 2012. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary records of the sessions (CD/PV.1258 and CD/PV.1263).

35. In accordance with the schedule of activities contained in document CD/WP.571/Rev.1, two plenary meetings, on agenda item 1, entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", and agenda item 2, entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters", with a general focus on the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices, were held on 31 May and 26 June 2012. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary records of the sessions (CD/PV.1259 and CD/PV.1264).

B. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters

36. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

37. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/1934, dated 1 June 2012, entitled "Note verbale dated 30 May 2012 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the final statement of the Meeting of Cuban Civil Society Organizations on Peace and Nuclear Disarmament, adopted on 24 May 2012 in Havana";

(b) CD/1935, dated 26 June 2012, entitled "Letter dated 25 June 2012 from the Permanent Representatives of Germany and the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference, transmitting

the report of the meeting of scientific experts on technical issues related to a fissile material cut-off treaty (FMCT), held in Geneva on 29 and 30 May 2012";

(c) CD/1936, dated 30 July 2012, entitled "Letter dated 20 July 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting a copy of the joint statement issued at the third meeting of the five permanent members of the Security Council of the United Nations on implementing the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, held in Washington D.C. on 27 June 2012";

(d) CD/1937, dated 24 August 2012, entitled "Letter dated 22 August 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the Istanbul statement adopted at the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (NPDI) Ministerial Meeting held in Istanbul on 16 June 2012";

(e) CD/1938, dated 28 August 2012, entitled "Syrian Arab Republic on behalf of member States of G-21. Working paper. Nuclear Disarmament";

(f) CD/1942, dated 7 September 2012, entitled "Note verbale dated 5 September 2012 from the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the declaration and of the joint statement of the Heads of the member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization adopted at the Summit in Moscow on 15 May 2012";

(g) CD/1943, dated 13 September 2012, entitled "Letter dated 11 September 2012 from the Permanent Representatives of the Netherlands and Germany to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference, transmitting the report of the second meeting of scientific experts on technical issues related to a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices based on resolution 66/44 of the General Assembly of the United Nations, held in Geneva on 28 and 29 August 2012".

38. In accordance with the schedule of activities contained in document CD/WP.571/Rev.1, two plenary meetings, on agenda item 1, entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", and agenda item 2, entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters", with a general focus on nuclear disarmament, were held on 22 May and 19 June 2012. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary records of the sessions (CD/PV.1258 and CD/PV.1263).

39. In accordance with the schedule of activities contained in document CD/WP.571/Rev.1, two plenary meetings, on agenda item 1, entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", and agenda item 2, entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters", with a general focus on the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices, were held on 31 May and 26 June 2012. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary records of the sessions (CD/PV.1259 and CD/PV.1264).

C. Prevention of an arms race in outer space

40. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

41. The following document was submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

CD/1941 and Corr.1, dated 30 August and 5 September 2012 respectively, entitled "Syrian Arab Republic on behalf of member States of G-21. Working paper. Prevention of an arms race in outer space".

42. In accordance with the schedule of activities contained in document CD/WP.571/Rev.1, two plenary meetings on agenda item 3, entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" were held on 5 June and 31 July 2012. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary records of the sessions (CD/PV.1260 and CD/PV.1265).

D. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons

43. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

44. The following document was submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

CD/1940, dated 30 August 2012, entitled "Syrian Arab Republic on behalf of member States of G-21. Working paper. Negative security assurances".

45. In accordance with the schedule of activities contained in document CD/WP.571/Rev.1, two plenary meetings on agenda item 4, entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons", were held on 12 June and 7 August 2012. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary records of the sessions (CD/PV.1261 and CD/PV.1266).

E. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons

46. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

47. No documents were submitted on this subject during the 2012 session of the Conference.

48. In accordance with the schedule of activities contained in document CD/WP.571/Rev.1, one plenary meeting on agenda item 5, entitled "New types of

weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons"; agenda item 6, entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament"; and agenda item 7, entitled "Transparency in armaments", was held on 14 August 2012. There was a lengthy discussion on these issues where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary record of the session (CD/PV.1267).

F. Comprehensive programme of disarmament

49. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

50. No documents were submitted on this subject during the 2012 session of the Conference.

51. In accordance with the schedule of activities contained in document CD/WP.571/Rev.1, one plenary meeting on agenda item 5, entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons"; agenda item 6, entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament"; and agenda item 7, entitled "Transparency in armaments", was held on 14 August 2012. There was a lengthy discussion on these issues where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary record of the session (CD/PV.1267).

G. Transparency in armaments

52. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

53. No documents were submitted on this subject during the 2012 session of the Conference.

54. In accordance with the schedule of activities contained in document CD/WP.571/Rev.1, one plenary meeting on agenda item 5, entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons"; agenda item 6, entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament"; and agenda item 7, entitled "Transparency in armaments", was held on 14 August 2012. There was a lengthy discussion on these issues where delegations reaffirmed their respective positions, which are duly recorded in the plenary record of the session (CD/PV.1267).

H. Consideration of other areas dealing with the cessation of the arms race and disarmament and other relevant measures

55. No documents were submitted on this subject during the 2012 session of the Conference.

I. Consideration and adoption of the annual report of the Conference and any other report as appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations

56. With a view to the growing importance of and need for progress on multilateral disarmament, and building on the focused efforts in the Conference on Disarmament to establish a programme of work for the 2012 session, and with a view to early commencement of substantive work during its 2013 session, the Conference requested the current President and the incoming President to conduct consultations during the intersessional period and, if possible, make recommendations taking into account all relevant proposals, past, present and future, including those submitted as documents of the Conference on Disarmament, views presented and discussions held, and to endeavour to keep the membership of the Conference informed, as appropriate, of their consultations.

57. The Conference decided that the dates for its 2013 session would be:

First part: 21 January-29 March

Second part: 13 May-28 June

Third part: 29 July-13 September

58. The annual report to the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, as adopted by the Conference on 13 September 2012, is transmitted by the President on behalf of the Conference on Disarmament.

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President of the Conference

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